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FAYETTE COUNTY REIMAGINES RECYCLING CENTER

Uniontown, PA – Fayette County’s new, state-of-the-art recycling program continues to evolve, following receipt of yet another major funding boost.

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection recently announced Fayette County would receive a \$350,000 grant under its Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act for enhancements to drop-off recycling, education and recycling processing.

Fayette County Recycling Coordinator/Stormwater Manager Sheila Shea said the grant will be used to purchase the former Goodwill Recycling Center, additional haul-all recycling drop-off bins and new collection equipment.

“Our goal is to offer a self-serve, drive-through recycling center for our residents, not only for traditional recyclable materials, but for hard-to-recycle appliances, electronics and tires, as well,” Shea said.

Last month, Fayette County commissioners Dave Lohr, chairman; Vincent Vicites and Scott Dunn entered into a sales agreement with Goodwill Industries to purchase its former recycling center for \$225,750; and its adjoining, 6.27-acre lot for \$31,500.

Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania opted to leave the industry and close its long-standing recycling center in May. Fayette County has since entered into an agreement with Carry All Products Inc. of Connellsville for hauling services; and Superior Fine Grind LLC of South Connellsville for processing services.

“Once the former Goodwill center is operational through the county, residents will be able to drop off their regular recycling at the center, where it will then be transferred to our Connellsville partners for processing,” Shea said. “It’s also very exciting for us to finally be able to offer a one-stop recycling center for citizens’ hard-to-recycle items all year long. I’ve had the vision of a convenience center like this since I came on board almost four years ago. Now, with the help of the DEP and the commissioners, it’s finally coming together.”

In addition to hard-to-recycle items, the future self-service center will accept plastics, cardboard, aluminum/bi-metal cans, mixed paper and glass, Shea added.

Fayette County previously received a DEP grant to implement the first phase of the new recycling program’s expansion, including purchasing more than 20 new, haul-all recycling drop-off bins, which have been placed throughout the county. In the last few months, the bins have significantly increased citizens’ abilities to participate, especially in municipalities where regular recycling initiatives are not in place.

Shea said this grant is “just the next step” in the process, as more haul-all bins and additional program growth opportunities will become available over the next few years.

“I just want to keep expanding and working toward future grants,” Shea said. “The best thing we can do for our environment is make recycling more convenient for our Fayette County residents.”

For more information, contact Shea at sshea@fayettepa.org or call the Fayette County Recycling Hotline at 724-430-4884.

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